IB Opposes Reduction of Security Cover to VIPs

†5524. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Intelligence Bureau is putting a strong opposition to the move initiated by his Ministry to reduce the security cover of a number of VIPs;

(b) if so, the points of disagreement; and

(c) the steps taken to resolve the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The security of protected persons is reviewed periodically based on the latest threat perception in each case. These reviews are undertaken by the two Committees constituted in the Home Ministry, where inputs from different agencies are considered and decisions in regard to increase, reduction and withdrawal of security are made.

Capital Punishment for Child Prostitution

†5525. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has suggested Government to make provision for capital punishment against people involved in child prostitution;

(b) whether the Commission has also suggested a change in the sections of Indian Penal Code with regard to the punishment for rape and child prostitution; and

(c) if so, whether Government would accept the suggestion of Law Commission though the National Commission for Women has protested against it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The suggestions of the Law Commission would examined in consultation with the State Governments, as Criminal Law is on the Concurrent List in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.